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**RUTTER HOBBS & DAVIDOFF ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNER  
WESLEY HURST AND NEW LITIGATOR CHRISTOPHER FOWLER**

*Hurst joins firm from Folger Levin & Kahn, Fowler from Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz  
Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor*

**LOS ANGELES (Nov. XX, 2009)** – Los Angeles-based law firm Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff Incorporated today announced the addition of Wesley D. Hurst, a partner who joins the firm from Folger Levin & Kahn LLP, and Christopher C. Fowler, a business litigation attorney from Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor LLP.

Hurst was the managing partner of the Los Angeles office of Folger Levin & Kahn LLP. His practice includes complex commercial litigation, construction litigation, class action defense and real estate disputes. Hurst will focus on expanding Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff's commercial/business litigation practice. Fowler, an associate, who also joins the firm's litigation group, handles complex commercial/business disputes, intellectual property, partnership dissolution and securities litigation.

"We're pleased to welcome Wes Hurst as a new partner, as he shares our philosophy of providing top-quality legal services for mid-size companies, at competitive rates," said Brian L. Davidoff, managing director, Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff. "Chris Fowler's solid experience and diverse background will enhance our ability to service our clients' needs as our firm continues to grow."

Hurst has successfully represented a range of mid-size and large national and California-based clients, including Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Lenovo, Empire Cleaning Supply, Pacific Bay Homes and a number of real estate and construction firms. Prior to joining Rutter Hobbs & Davidoff, he spent his entire legal career at Folger Levin & Kahn, where he was a member of the firm's executive committee, recruiting committee and co-chair of the firm's strategic planning committee. After nearly 10 years with Folger Levin & Kahn in San Francisco, Hurst moved to Southern California in 1995. He continues to maintain relationships with clients and other law firms in the Bay Area and throughout the State. Hurst obtained his juris doctorate from Golden Gate University in San Francisco and received a

bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles. He recently completed two terms on the finance committee of the UCLA Alumni Association and is a volunteer attorney for the Alliance for Children's Rights. Hurst resides in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Prior to Fowler's work with Liner Grode Stein Yankelevitz Sunshine Regenstreif & Taylor in Los Angeles, he was an associate with Heller Ehrman LLP in both its New York and Los Angeles offices. He also served as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Sterling Johnson, Jr., U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York. Fowler obtained his juris doctorate from Brooklyn Law School in New York and his bachelor's degree from University of California, Los Angeles. He is a board member of the HIV/AIDS Legal Services Alliance and a member of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, American Bar Association and Orange County Bar Association. Fowler resides in Long Beach, Calif.

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